



**ANIMAL PROTECTION & CONTROL
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
JANUARY 22, 2009**

In Attendance:

Cheri Cornelius
Pat Jollota
Ed Anderson
Dr. Liz Grauer
Ginger Burr
Holly Blosser
Shirley Malar

Staff:

Linda Moorhead
Julie Anderson

Lisa Feder – Humane Society

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m. Pat Vichas & Betty May Buntin had informed the board they would not be in attendance. Sue Svendsen was also not in attendance.

Reading and approval of the October minutes:

October minutes were approved as written.

II. Orders of the day:

Tethering Ordinance

Public forum in attendance is requesting a modification to the existing tethering ordinance to prohibit any dog from being tethered. Linda Moorhead distributed a hand out she had previously received that was used as an example of requirements for a tethering ordinance at a City Council meeting. Discussions engaged for approximately 40 minutes. As a result, the following recommendations regarding an amendment to the current tethering regulations were drafted.

- (1) *It shall be unlawful to leave a dog outside and unattended by use of a restraint such as a tether, chain, rope, cord, or other device used to tie an animal to a running cable or pulley system or to a stationary object:*
 - (a) *For more than 10 hours within a 24 hour period;*

- (b) *During any inclement weather such as snow or freezing rain;*
- (c) *That is less than five (5) times the length of the dog, or a minimum of ten (10) feet and of sufficient weight not to put undue drag on the dog;*
- (d) *That is used as a restraint for more than one dog;*
- (e) *That restricts the dog's access to adequate shelter and shade;*
- (f) *That gives the dog any access to any public right of way;*

Any tether, fastener, chain, tie or other restraint permissible under this section must be attached to a properly fitted body harness with enough room between the collar and the dog's throat through which two (2) fingers may fit. Choke, pinch or prong type collars may not be used for tethering, fastening, chaining, tying or otherwise restraining a dog.

Nothing in this section shall prevent the tethering or otherwise restraining of a dog pursuant to the requirements of a camping or recreational area; the tethering or otherwise restraining of a dog while engaged in, or training for an activity related to use of the dog as a service dog or by any military or law enforcement agency.

Livestock in the Urban Growth Boundary-Task Force

Linda reported that there have been two meetings of the Urban Livestock Task Force. Cheri Cornelius represents the Advisory Board as a member of this committee.

The December 10th meeting was spent basically discussing the mission and establishing rules for the work program. The mission or purpose is to determine if there should be different regulations for livestock in the Urban Growth Boundary than there are in the rural area.

Norm Welsh was selected to be chair person. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at 6 p.m. in the 6th floor training room.

At the second meeting Gary Bickett from the Health Department presented some of the challenges with current regulations they face when addressing manure management on small parcels.

Other discussion included a definition of urban livestock (whether it should be animal units, or putting a limit on the number of each species), grandfathering provisions, manure management, education, best management practices, a lot/parcel size requirement, and establishing setback requirements for agriculture structures. There were no final recommendations and discussion of these items will be on the agenda for subsequent meetings.

At the next meeting Denise Smee from the WSU Extension, Small Farm Advisor, will bring a livestock survey showing what and how many livestock there are on each parcel in the urban area of Clark County.

Linda informed the board members that if they have any questions, concerns, or recommendations to contact Cheri.

Status of proposed code amendments

The BOCC public hearing for the amendments recommended by this board is scheduled for 2/24/09, Tuesday, @ 10a.m. in the hearing room of the Public Service Center, 6th floor. Linda Moorhead informed the board that the BOCC did not approve of the proposals to the cruelty code for equine which included shelter requirements. The proposed amendment prohibiting cats at large during estrus was also stricken.

Statistical Reports

Linda Moorhead reviewed the percentages for the year end statistics, in comparison to 2007. Service requests had increased by 11%, penalties collected had impressively rose by 60%, however pet licensing had only increased by 3%. Regardless of the boost in licensing for several months, the rocky start of 2008 kept the overall percentage down.

Lisa Feder was very pleased with SWWHS year end statistics and said overall 2008 has been a “totally great year”. There was a significant decrease in owner relinquished animals, cat adoption was up 20%, there was an 86.5% live release rate for dogs, and euthanasia was down by 33%. Upcoming for 2009, the new shelter is right on schedule with a predicted move in of June or July. Available in February, for 450 low income cat owners, will be a spay/neuter grant that will cost the pet owner a \$10 co-pay (this cost will also include micro-chipping). There will be some other services made available as well at a low cost. In recent news, due to a financial crisis Umpqua Bank acquired all business of the Bank of CC. Lisa advised the Bank of CC was a big distributor of SWWHS donations & auction funding.

III. Roundtable

Dogpaw is actively working on redoing the brochure for dog park etiquette which includes abiding by CC ordinances. Dr. Liz Grauer, speaking on behalf of Dogpaw, would like help in enforcement by including dog parks in the county ordinance verbiage. Secondly, Dr. Grauer inquired if it is possible for an Animal Control officer(s) to enter into a contract with Dogpaw, independently, and stationing him/her at a dog park to enforce licensing. This would include selling of, and issuing licensing citations. Linda Moorhead will research the probability & legality of the idea.

Linda Moorhead mentioned the spay/neuter grants to non-profit organizations will be accepted until the end of February and selected in March. The grant amount will remain at \$15,000.

Ginger Burr asked Pat Jollota to please provide her with an e-mail address for the mounted police so she may contact them regarding watching their demonstration.

IV. Public Forum –

Several citizens were in attendance, specifically to encourage & discuss enforcement of a

tethering ordinance. Those individuals were Lyndee Cunningham, Tricia Christensen, Sandy Wood, Erskine Wood, & Julie Alexander.

V. Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Hearing Tribunal

There were 4 written appeals.